MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SALEM

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

PEA RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH,

PIKE COUNTY, ALABAMA,

Oct. 2nd, 3d and 4th, 1883.

OFFICERS:

T. J. CARLISLE, Moderator ..... Brundidge, Ala.
J. O. PIERSON, Clerk ..... Brundidge, Ala.
JOHN FREEMAN, Treasurer ..... Troy, Ala.

THE NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD WITH UNION CHURCH, AT HENDERSON, PIKE COUNTY, ALA., COMMENCING ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE FIRST SABBATH IN OCTOBER, 1884.

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MINUTES.

The Forty-Fifth Annual Session of the SALEM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION was held with Pea River Church, Pike county, Ala., commencing on Tuesday October 2, 1883.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder T. H. Stamps, of the Centennial Association, at 11 o'clock A. M.

At half past 1 o'clock P. M., the Messengers met for organization, with Brother Thomas J. Carlisle, former Moderator, in the chair. After reading the 84 h Psalm, and singing hymn No. 982, Elder P. M. Calloway, of Newton Association, led in prayer.

The letters from the Churches were read by Brothers Q. P. Siler and J. O. Peirson.

An election of officers was held and resulted in the re-election of T. J. Carlisle as Moderator, John Freeman, Treasurer, and J. O. Peirson was elected Clerk. Brothers J. O. Hixson, of the Centennial, and J. A. Foster, of Eufaula, acting as Tellers.

On motion the Messengers from Siloam and Bethlehem Churches were admitted without letters.

On motion the Body adjourned for preaching at 3 o'clock P. M. After services the Body had recess for five minutes.

The Body was called to order. Brother J. T. Cumbie reported letter from Siloam Church, the reading of which was postponed until to-morrow morning.

The Moderator made the following announcement of committees:

On Finance—Q. P. Siler, J. S. Beckly, James Yeats and J. E. Mills.

On Sabbath Schools.—W. A. Whipple, W. C Sanders, J. H. Hurley and W. R Harden.

On Documents.—W. L. Hendrick, D. C Allen, J. C. Moore and R B. Park.

On Bible Cause.—B. W. Starke, G. N. Stanley, J. E. H. Rushing and John W. Smith.

On Periodicals.—J. J. Macon, E. Y. Van Hoose, E. M. Brooks and T. W. Law.

On Missions.—J. P. Nall, J. D. McLendon, John Ivey and J. N. Holmes.

On Temperance.—W. A. Cumbie, J. C. Hill, W. L. Parkman and J. H. Stephens.

On Nominations.—J. L. Youngblood, J. W. Barrow, J. E. Moore and B. C. Bennett.

On Preaching.—A. M. Jones, T. A. Adams, Pastor and Messengers of Pea River Church.

On Education.—M. N. Carlisle, Wm. Brunson and Sam'l Fleming.

On motion the hours for meeting and adjournment be 9 A. M. adjourn at 11 A M. for services, re-assemble at 1:30 P. M. and adjourn at 4 P. M. The time for adjournment being past, the Body adjourned until to-morrow morning.

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SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Body called to order, and opened with religious services, after singing Hymn No. 1,148, Brother J. T. Cumbie led in prayer.

The Moderator announced the Body ready for the transaction of business.

The minutes were read and adopted.

The roll called and absentees marked.

Lettter from Siloam Church was presented and read. Resolutions were read and offered by Elder J. P. Nall, as follows:

"*Whereas*, The First Baptist Church of Troy has failed to administer, and utterly refused to exercise necessary, proper and scriptural discipline, when requested to do so; and;

Whereas, The refusal of said Church to exercise such discipline, is subversive of gospel order and dangerous to the well-being of the churches, and;

Whereas, It is the duty of this Association to see that the churches of which it is composed shall maintain a correct gospel discipline, therefore

Resolved, 1*st*. That the Association return the letters to the said 1st Church, at Troy, and refuse the delegates seats in this Body until said disorder is removed.

Resolved, 2*nd*. That a committee of seven brethren be appointed to visit said Church and inquire into said disorder, and report the results of their investigations at next session of this body.

Resolved, 3*rd*. That said committee be raised by ballot, requiring a majority of votes cast to elect.

On motion, a Special Committee of five be appointed to investigate and report at 2 o'clock P. M., the course to be pursued by the Association on the resolutions of Brother J. P. Nall.

On motion, the Moderator appointed two, Brothers Q. P. Siler and J. T. Cumbie, who appointed four, and they appointed the fifth to act as said Committee.

On call for correspondence, the following Brethren responded,

From "Eufaula," Brothers John A. Foster, A. H. Borders, W. C. Jordan, and Adam Grubbs.

From "Centennial," Elders J. O. Hixson, T. H. Stamps, and Brother Charles Crawley.

From "Newton" Elders P. M. Calloway, N. C. Underwood, and Brothers E. Edwards and R. H. Davis.

From "Pea River," Brothers Jesse M. Rowe and M. Brooks.

The following named Brethren were recognized as agents, Elder E. Y. Van Hoose, State Missions; Elder W. A. Whipple, Foreign Missions: Elder B. C. Bennett, Indigent Ministers Funds.

On call, the committee on deceased ministers made their report, which was adopted, and clerk instructed to place same on the minutes, as follows:

We the committee appointed at the forty-third Annual Session of the Salem Baptist Association, to write an obituary of Elder J. U. Wilks, were prevented by sickness from doing so at the last Association; but now beg leave to submit the following:

OBITUARY.

Elder J. U. Wilks was born in Chesterfield District, S. C., July 9th, 1827. He moved with his parents to Barbour county, Ala., near Mt. Zion Church on Pea River, where he remained until he was hopefully converted to God, and attached himself to the Mt. Zion Church about the year 1850. He was licensed to preach the gospel at Mt. Zion Church, July 21st, 1864, and ordained at same Church November 10th, 1865, by Elders Wm. Lee and Wm. H. Perkins. He was married to Miss Mary Winn, December 22nd, 1853. She died leaving him and six children. He married his second wife Cynthia Myers, March 2nd, 1869. In 1877 he moved to Pike county, and in 1879 he removed to Crenshaw county, where he fell asleep in Jesus. He leaves a wife and eleven children, with many Brethren and friends to mourn his loss. At the time of his death he was Pastor of Chapel Hill and Lebanon Churches. In his latter days he seemed to be wholly devoted to the Master's cause. God gave abundant evidence that his work was accepted of Him.

JOHN IVEY,
J. P. WOOD,
W. H. NIX. } Committee.

The committee appointed to select four, to act as committee on the Resolutions offered by Elder J. P. Nall, made their report as follows: Brothers E. Y. Van Hoose, J. J. Macon, W. C. Sanders and J. C. Moore; these four appointed Brother W. H Adams, to act with them, which constituted the committee of five.

On motion, this body pay balance due Brother Pritchell for pastoral services at Bethel (New,) and the fifty dollars pledged by Executive Committee to Brother Pritchell for Mt. Moriah.

The motion was amended, referring same to a committee of two, to report to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, the balance due, and the amount sent up by the churches, which was carried, and Brothers J. T. Cumbie and J. C. Hill appointed as committee.

On motion, to-morrow at 3 o'clock P. M, was made special hour for Sabbath School cause.

On motion, Missions was made the special order of business at 1:30 P. M.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JOHN FREEMAN, In account with Salem Association *Dr.*

Sept. 30, 1882. To amount received of Finance Committee..... .... $301.55

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Sept. 30, 1882.	By Amt.	paid	W. A. Cumbie,	M Funds,	.....$48.70
Oct. 2,	"	"	J. P. Nall,	" "	1.00
10.	"	"	R. Blan,	Pastoral works	.....14.35
12,	"	"	J. M. Green,	Pastoral works	... 14.25
	"	"	T. M. Bailey,	S. M.	.... 110.70
	"	"	T. M. Bailey,	H. M.	.... 50.00
	"	"	T. M. Bailey,	F. M.	..... 59.00
	"	"	For money Orders		..... 1.40
	Cash on hand to balance				.... 2.15

$301.55 $301.55

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN FREEMAN, Treas. Salem Association.

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CORRESPONDENCE RETURNED.

"Eufaula," Brothers M. M. Wamboldt, B. C. Bennett, E. Y. Van Hoose and M. N. Carlisle.

"Newton," Brothers W. A. Cumbie, A. M. Jones and R. G. Jackson.

"Centennial," Brothers W. A. Whipple, A. M. Jones, J. T. Cumbie. John Freeman, J. J. Macon and B. C. Bennett.

"Pea River," Brothers J. D. Parkman, D. C. Allen, G. W. L. Parkman, F. A. Jackson, J. N. Holmes and J. J. Macon.

"Zion," Brothers W. A. Whipple, J. T. Cumbie, W. A. Cumbie, W. C. Sanders, W. B. Howard and J. D. McLendon.

"Sandy Creek," Brothers D. C. Allen and J. P. Nall.

On motion correspondence with Montgomery Association was opened, and Brothers J. S. Beckly, F. A. Curtis, J. D. McLendon, Q. P. Siler, J. P. Nall and W. H. Nix are representatives.

The hour of adjournment having arrived the Body adjourned for preaching.

SECOND DAY.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Body re-assembled. Letters were handed in, and read from Bethlehem and Ebenezer.

Next in order, the committee on Missions made the following report:

"The cause of missions is the cause of the blessed Christ. No weightier words were ever uttered than are found in the Lord's great commission to the Ministry: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Such being the case your committee would urge the Associa-

tion to foster with the tenderest care, and most constant devotion this scriptural injunction enjoined by the above commission.

Your committee are not suitably informed as to the result of the past year's protection of christian obligations, in prosecuting the cause of missions, but are of the opinion that said results of the ways provided, have been meager. They would therefore urge that mission work in the Associations, with the State, Home, and Foreign Boards, be more closely canvassed, oftener mentioned and more liberally contributed to.

We respectfully submit this report

J. P. NALL, Chairman.
J. D. MCLENDON,
JOHN IVEY,
J. N. SANDERS. } Committee.

The report of Missions was adopted.

On motion Brother John A. Foster was granted permission to make a personal explanation.

Special committee on Resolutions offered by Brother J. P. Nall made their report as follows:

Your committee on Resolutions offered by Brother Nall, beg leave to report,

1st. That we recommend the Association to retain the Delegates of 1st Church of Troy.

2nd. That the committee recommended in said resolutions, be appointed or elected, and that committee, do as directed and report to this Body at its next session.

E. Y. VAN HOOSE,
J. C. MOORE,
J. J. MACON,
W. C SANDERS,
W. H. ADAMS, } Committee.

On motion a second reading of the report was called for.

Motion made to adopt the report by sections.

On motion Brother J. O. Hixson was permitted to make a statement.

On motion Brother M. N. Carlisle was granted a short time to speak in defense of his Church.

On motion the first section of the report was adopted.

At the appointed hour for same the Body adjourned.

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THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Body met pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Hymn No. 96 was sung and prayer by Elder E. M. Brooks, after which the Moderator announced the Body ready for the transaction of business.

The minutes of previous day were read and adopted.

Calling Roll ommitted.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Your committee find that the following amounts have been contracted for Associational Missions,

By	Good Hope	Church	$ 5.15
"	Olustee	"	2.50
"	Hepzibah	"	5 00
"	2nd Troy	"	8.80
"	Sunday collections last Session of this Body		13 30

Amount brought forward $34.75

Total from all sources $34.75

This leaves a balance of $15,25 unpaid on the Association's obligation to Elder Wm. Pritchett.

Respectfully submitted.

J. T. CUMBIE, Chairman.

On motion a collection was taken up to raise the $15.25 due Brother Pritchett, amount raised $6 05 and same paid over to Finance Committee.

On motion Brother Whipple was allowed to make a statement.

The subject of Missions having been made a special order to come up at 10 o'clock A. M., the same was called.

Brother E. Y. Van Hoose acting as agent for State Mission Board made some very appropriate remarks.

On motion the report on Missions was adopted.

On motion it was ordered that the balance, to wit: $9.20, due Brother Pritchett, be paid out of funds not directed.

The adoption of second section of committee's report on Brother Nall's resolutions, was called up. A vote was taken and said section of said report was adopted.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended and miscellaneous business was taken up. The First Baptist Church of Troy called for letter of dismission. After some discussion, a vote was taken resulting in a refusal to grant the letter. Brother M. M. Wamboldt made a short speech in which he declared the First Baptist Church of Troy to be no longer a member of SALEM ASSOCIATION.

The hour of adjournment being near, on motion the Body continued at work until 12 o'clock.

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE

made the following report:

"Your committee on Bible Cause feel the great importance of a universal dissemination of the Sacred Scriptures. First, because they are the embodiment of the will of our Heavenly Father. They are the great lever power of civilization, and indispensable to the true happiness of all the human race. They are 'the man of our counsel,' the light to illuminate our pathway on earth as we journey heavenward. We deplore the destitution of the *sacred word* and will of God in our land; and while we grieve that so many are without the Bible, yet we fear and have reason to believe that many who have the 'inestimable gift of god to man,' do not read and ponder its contents as they should. We have no new plan to recommend, but would urge the carrying out of our present system with *more* zeal and energy, and to this end we would urge every Christian to give the subject a careful and prayerful consideration, and a hearty encouragement both by word and deed."

B. W. STARKE,
Chairman of Committee.

Report on Periodicals was adopted as read by Chairman of committee.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We believe the Bible to be the light of the world, and should be the first of all our reading and study. As worthless and dangerous literature is being scattered broadcast over the land, we would most earnestly recommend that our brethren be careful in the selection of Books and Papers for

their families to read. We think the Alabama Baptist, Baptist Foreign Journal, and Fords' Repository for reading, and Kind Words, for our Sabbath Schools, should be subscribed for and read by every Baptist, and that the Association should encourage their circulation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. MACON, Chairman.

The report on Documents was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Your committee on Documents beg leave to make the following report:

Orion Church requests a Letter of dismission.

The District meetings are as follows:

1st. District. At Enon Church, commencing on Friday before the 5th Sunday in August.

2nd. District. At Salem Church commencing on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in June.

3d. District. At Good Hope Church commencing Friday before the 4th Sunday in July.

Union Church, asks this Brody to hold its next session with them.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. ALLEN, Chairman.

On motion the committee on Nominations were instructed to appoint District Sabbath School Superintendents.

The Report on Temperance was adopted as read by Brother W. A Cumbie.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance make this report. The time for earnest work has come. Therefore we recommend the following:

Resolved, 1*st*. That any Church retaining in its membership a member guilty of signing a recommendation for any person to engage in the sale of ardent spirits as a beverage, is in disorder and subject to discipline.

Resolved, 2nd. That any Church retaining a member who is guilty of selling ardent spirits as a beverage is in disorder and subject to be disciplined.

Resolved, 3d. That we, as an Association and as citizens, pledge to both Church and State our uncompromising opposition to the making or vending of ardent spirits as a beverage even to the extent of legal prohibition.

Resolved, 4th. That we request the Pastors to fully explain this matter to their Churches. Respectfully submitted,

G. W. L. PARKMAN,
W. A. Cumbie,
J. C. HILL,
J. H. STEPHENS,
} Committee.

On motion the Body adjourned for dinner.

THIRD DAY.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Body re-assembled. Business opened with prayer and praise.

On motion Brothers G. A. Stanley and J. S. Bickly were granted leave of absense.

Letter from from Fairfield Church was read, giving notice to the Association of its dissolution, on motion the clerk was instructed to strike Fairfield from the roll.

The special committee to visit the First Baptist church of Troy were appointed as follows:

Brothers B. C. Bennett, John L. Youngblood, G. W. Smith, J. H. Dewberry, B. W. Wood, John Freeman, and J. D. McLendon.

The following resolution offered by Brother J. T. Cumbie was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That a committee of three discreet brethren be appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of this Asociation, in regard to the First Baptist Church of Troy, and to point out the proper course to be pursued in the premises and make their report instanter."

The Moderator appointed as said committee:

Brothers J. T. Cumbie, B. W. Wood and J. D. McLendon.

On motion Brothers E. M. Brooks, J. J. Fuller and J. B. Armstrong were granted leave of absence.

Brother J. P. Nall offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the following words be added to Article 4, of Constitution, after ballot, "and a majority of votes cast shall be necessary to elect."

Brother Q. P. Siler reported on Finance, and said report adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your committee on Finance report the following:

Amount received for Minutes,		$ 45 00
" " "	State Board,	209.00
" " "	Foreign Missions,	30.45
" " "	Home Missions,	13.00
" " "	Indigent Ministers,	7.00
" " "	Associational Ministers,	35.00
" "	of Salem Baptist Church sent by the Sabbath School for Howard College.	5.85
"	collected at Association from the Body,	6.05
Received from Treasurer of last year's fund,		2.15
	Total amount paid Treasurer	$355 25

Respectfully submitted
Q. P. SILER, Chairman.

On motion Brothers J. W. Smith and Q. P Siler were granted leave of absence.

Brother John L. Youngblood read report on Nominations, which was as follows:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations beg leave to submit the following as their report.

1st. To Preach Introductory Sermon, J. J. Macon. Alternate J. T. Cumbie.

2nd. Messengers to Baptist State Convention, Bros. W. D. Wood, J. P. Nall, J. D. McLendon, W. A. Whipple, B. W. Wood, W. A. Cumbie, G. Hendrick, J. H. Stephens, L. H. Perkins, D. C. Allen, T. J. Carlisle and J. O. Pierson.

3d. Executive Committee, J. P. Wood, Sam'l Fleming, R. P. Copeland, W. C. Sanders and J. A. Dennis.

4th. District Superintendents of Sunday Schools: First District, B. W Wood. Second District, Prof. J. T. Ashcraft. Third District, John T. Sanders Fourth District, Prof. W. H. Searcy. Association at large, W. D. Wood.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. YOUNGBLOOD, Chairman.

On motion Brother J. P. Wood was appointed Assistant Associational Superintendent.

The Executive committee's report was read, amended and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1st. The committee has had no meeting this year, the chairman acting informally, raised the amount of $32,25 which was paid to Elder Wm. Pritchett, as per agreement of this Association, to pay him the sum of $50,000 as a supplement for Pastorial services for Bethel (New) Church.

2nd. The undersigned also promised Elder Pritchett to ask this Association to pay him the same amount ($50.00) for pastoral work at Mt Moriah Church.

As Brother Pritchett has faithlully performed the work assigned him, the undersigned very respectfully asks the Association to pay him promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. CUMBIE, Chmn. Exec. Com.

Amendment to above report.

Resolved, That the $50.00 promised to Brother Pritchett for missionary or pastoral services to Mt Moriah Church for the Associational year ending at this Session, be referred to the Churches for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

B. C. BENNETT.

The amendment was accepted and approved by the Body.

Brother Wm. Brunson read the report on Education which was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We deem it unneccessary to argue the benefits of Education. At this late date the few remaining advocates of ignorance would scarcely be convinced by any argument however strong.

Our object is to stir up our people to an energetic practice of what we believe.

We believe in the education of the masses, and in order to secure this end we recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved 1st, That we will patronize to the utmost extent of our ability the Public Schools, and also, that we will use our best efforts to have our Public School system corrected if neccessary.

Resolved 2nd, That in order to secure a higher grade of instruction, we recommend our people to patronize liberally Howard College and Judson Institute, at Marion, and Central Female College, at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Resolved 3d, That, Inasmuch as we believe in ministerial education, and as it is in contemplation to add this feature to the educational facilities of the Howard College, by the employment of a Professor of Theology, we recommend this Association to encourage this movement.

In conclusion your committee believe that the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is too firmly established in the confidence of our people to need any commendation from us. Respectfully submitted,

WM. BRUNSON, Chmn.

On motion Brother B. C. Bennett addressed the Body on the subject

of Indigent Ministers' funds. After an earnest appeal by Brother Bennett, a motion was made and carried, to appoint a committee of four, whose duty is to look after said fund. The following Brethren were appointed as said committee: W. C. Sanders, B. W. Wood, B. C. Bennett and J. A. Dennis.

On motion all funds sent to this Body for Indigent Ministers were ordered to be forwarded to Brother Bailey, to be applied.

Brother Whipple made the following report on Sabbath Schools, which was adopted.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools report an increased interest in this very important duty. The number of conversions reported from several of the Churches, should be sufficient admonition to stimulate every Church to a sense and to the performance of this important work. We have now in the bounds of this Association ten Sabbath Schools, and while it is a fact to be deplored, we have several churches without Sabbath Schools. Believing that much good has been accomplished by the course pursued in our last Association, therefore your committee would recommend the reappointment of a Superintendent for each District, of the Association at large. Respectfully submitted,

W. A. Whipple, Chmn.

Reports made by the District Superintendents are as follows:

REPORT FROM FIRST DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:—We regret not being able to make a more favorable report of the Sabbath School work in our District. I have not visited the churches but have labored some with the members. Out of five churches in this District, there are three or four having Sabbath Schools. We believe there is an increasing interest manifested, and the work in this District will, with a proper effort upon the part of your Supervisor, and a little encouragement from the Pastors, to bring about a deeper interest, and the membership of our churches will become more actively engaged in this important work.

The whole of this District can be worked up, therefore we recommend that your Body place in the 1st District, an active Sabbath Schools worker as supervisor. Respectfully submitted,

B. W. Woon.

REPORT FROM SECOND DISTRICT.

Early in the spring of the present year, the appointee, Brother Z. B. Trammel, being unable by reason of bussiness engagements, to perform the duties imposed upon him by the Association, the undersigned, by consent of the Associational supervisor, entered upon the Sabbath School work with the following results: He visited all the churches composing this district, some of them several times. With two exceptions, Sabbath schools have been organized in all the churches. Some have been kept up, others have been suspended. Have held two Sabbath school conventions for the district, one at Bethlehem the other at Salem. We have reasons for believing that much good has been done during the year for the canse. The reports from the different schools at the last Sabbath School convention showed that many of the accessions to the chuches, during the year, were from the members of the Sabbath schools. We believe this plan of the Association an excellent one. You only need active, working supervisors and success will attend the operations of the plan.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. Carlisle.

Brother J. P. Nall, for third and fourth districts, made a verbal report, stating that the interest of the Sabbath school cause is greatly increasing, and recommending that the same Associational plan be continued.

On motion Brother J. P. Wood was appointed Assistant Associational Superintendent of the Sabbath schools.

On motion the hour of adjournment was postponed.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Your committee would report first, that

Whereas, The First Baptist Church of Troy has been, by resolution, charged before this Body as being in disorder, and

Whereas, The said Troy Church by her delegates refused investigation, and

Whereas, Pending the appointment of said investigating committee by this Body, the delegates from said church, claiming to be clothed with authority from their church, asked for a letter of dismission from this Body, which request was refused, and

Whereas, Said church by her delegates, immediately severed their connection with this Body, by declaration and withdrawal;

Therefore, Be it Resolved, as the sense of this Body, that said church has manifested a spirit of insubordination and rebellion, to such an extent as to demand the disapproval of this Association; and we recommend that a committee of seven be appointed by this Body to try to reconcile said chuch and report at next session of this Body.

J. D. McLendon,
J. T. Cumbie,
B. W. Wood. } Committee.

The following Resolution offered by Brother Geo. W. Smith, was read and adopted.

Resolved, That hereafter this Association will not recognize any charge or charges of disorder or heresy, in any church or churches of this Body, unless brought by some other church of this Body and done by regular order of church conference.

In accordance with Resolutions adopted, a committee of seven was appointed to reconcile the First Church of Troy.

The following Brethren compose said committee: W. C. Sanders, Wm. Brunson, F. A. Jackson, R. P. Copeland, J. O. Pierson, E. Y. Van Hoose, and T. J. Carlisle.

On motion, leave of absence was granted Brothers J. D. McLendon and W. A. Battle.

On motion the Association tendered thanks to the members of Pea River Church and citizens of the community.

On motion it was ordered that the Clerk be paid $25.00 and the balance of minute fund be used for printing the minutes.

The next session of this Body will be held with Union Church, beginning on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in October 1884.

The minutes were read and on motion were adopted.

The Body adjourned with prayer by Elder E. Y. Van Hoose.

T. J. CARLISLE, Moderator.

J. O. PIERSON, Clerk.

LIST OF MINISTERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICE.

ORDAINED.

A. N. Worthy,	Troy.	G. A. Owens,	Brundidge.
T. H. Stout,	"	E. Y. Van Hoose,	"
M. M. Wamboldt,	"	R. P. Copeland,	"
W. A. Whipple,	"	E. M. Brooks,	"
A. Black,	"	F. A. Jackson,	"
W. J. McBride,	"	W. H. Adams,	"
Thomas Rowe,	"	D. C. Allen,	"
J. J. Macon,	"	R. Blan,	China Grove.
J. L. Youngblood,	"	J. S. Yarbrough,	Orion.
W. A. Cumbie,	"	J. T. Cumbie,	Mt Hilliard.
J. P. Nall,	"	G. G. McLendon,	Henderson.
J. M. Green,	"	B. C. Bennett,	Pea River.
		F. L. Loard,	Goshen Hill.

LICENTIATES.

J. H. Stephens,	Troy.	John Ivey,	Indian Branch.
H. B. Clarke,	"	J. A. Stanley,	Little Oak.
W. T. Graham,	Brundidge.		

LIST OF CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Churches.	*Clerks.*	*Post Office.*
Mt. Zion,	J. P. Dozier,	Josie.
Shiloh,	M. A. Wood,	Barr's Mill.
Ebenezer,	W. P. Chancellor,	Linwood.
Providence.	G. W. L. Parkman,	Troy.
Bethel,	W. G. Mulky,	Troy.
Enon,	C. W. Harden,	Josie.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Salem,	J. O. Pierson,	Brundidge.
Bethlehem,	J. E. Ray,	Troy.
St. John's,	U. S. Fuller.	Brundidge.
Pea River,	L. H. Perkins,	Brundidge.
Springfield,	M. F. Hays,	Brundidge.
Richland,	E. A. Stead,	Pea River.
Spring Hill.	T. W. Law,	Milo.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Union,	W. B. Howard,	Henderson.
Good Hope,	John Mills,	Troy.
Troy, 2nd,	Josiah Jernigan,	Troy.
Chapel Hill,	J. E. Mills,	Indian Branch.
Hephzibah,	J. T. Sanders,	Troy.
Lebanon,	W. T. Green,	Troy.
New Harmony,	J. H. Nixon,	Goshen Hill.
New Bethel,	D. R. Witherington,	New Providence.

FOURH DISTRICT.

Olustee,	J. A. Mills,	Olustee Creek.
Mt. Moriah,	C. N. Mallett,	Orion.
Harmony,	J. T. Mahoney,	Troy.
Siloam,	J. G. Townsend,	China Grove.
Friendship,	F. M. Sullivant,	Raif Branch.
Sharon.	J. G. Kindred.	Troy.
Helicon,	M. J. Gamble,	Helicon.
Mt. Pleasant,	J. S. Shirley,	Linwood.

APPENDIX.

Report of Committee on Preaching Tuesday morning.

Introductory Sermon by Elder J. H. Stamps, from II Cor. ii : 15.

Tuesday. 3 p. m., Elder N. C. Underwood, from Math. v : 15.

Wednesday, 11 a. m., Elder M. M. Wamboldt, from Rev. xxi : 1.

At the stand by, Elder D. C. Allen, from Heb. xii: 5.

Series at night by Elder J. T. Cumbie, from II Cor. ii: 4.

Thursday, 11 a. m., at the stand by, Elder W. A. Whipple, from I Cor., xv : 25 and 26.

Preaching at Springfield, Wednesday night by Elder J. T. Cumbie, from II Cor. ii: 5.

A. M. Jones, Chairman.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Delivery of Introductory Sermon.
2. Call for and read the letters from the churches.
3. Organize by the election of officers.
4. Call for letters from churches desiring to unite with this body.
5. Appoint committees on Preaching and Finance.
6. Appoint the hours for meeting and adjourning.
7. Call for correspondents.
8. Call for Agents of Missions and of other objects of benevolence; invite ministers of our order to seats with us, and renew the call each morning.
9. Appoint committes on Sabbath Schools, Documents, Bible Cause, Periodicals, Missions, Temperance, Nominations and Education.
10. Read minutes, call and correct roll of Messengers.
11. Report of Treasurer.
12. Appoint correspondents.
13. Call for reports of Committees appointed under the 9th rule above in the order of their appointment.
14. Call for Miscellaneous Business.
15. Call for the report of Finance Committee.
16. Arrange for printing and distributing the minutes and paying the Clerk.

17. Read and approve the Minutes.

18. Adjourn.

NOTE.—The Clerk would note discrepancy between the Tabular Statement and Finance Committee's report, and would state that he had nothing but church letters to show how the funds were applied.

Tabular Statement of the Churches for the Year 1883.

DISTRICTS	CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Received by				Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total Membp	For Ministers.	State Board.	Foreign Mis.	Home Mis	Association Mis.	Indigent Ministers.	Howard College
			Baptism.	Letter.	Voucher.	Restored.											
1st.	Bethel,	E. Y. Van Hoose.	5	5		2	4	1	1	68	$1 50	$12 85	$	$	$	$	$
	Providence,	J. L. Youngblood.		1			3	1	1	52	1 50	5 00					
	Ebenezer,	A. Black.	4	5			1	2	1	91	1 50						
	Shiloh,	T. H. Stout.	29	8	1	2	11			161	2 50	66 10					
	Mt. Zion,	R. H. Cheshire.					1	1		56	1 50						
	Enon.	F. A. Jackson.	13	13		1	3			15	1 10		8 00				
2nd.	Salem,	E. Y. Van Hoose.	2	6			7	3	1	160	3 00	70 00					5 85
	Bethlehem,	D. C. Allen.		1			4	1		54	1 50	1 00					
	St. John,	" " "	6	3			1	3		78	1 75						
	Pea River,	F. A. Jackson.	6	1	1		5		1	61	1 50	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 15		
	Springfield,	" " "	3	3			3		1	34	1 00	3 40	2 80	2 80			
	Richland,	W. H. Adams.	4			3	1		1	34	1 00	6 00					
	Spring Hill.	W. A. Whipple.	4	6	1		4	4	3	91	2 50		3 00		3 00	7 00	
3d.	Union,	" " "		3			1		1	68	2 00			1 40			
	Good Hope,	W. A. Cumbia.	12	5		2	9	7		72	2 50				5 15		
	Three Notch, Troy,	W. A. Whipple.	3		1		4	2	1	92	2 50	7 30			8 75		
	Chapel Hill,	W. C. T. Moseley.	1	3			2	1	2	57	2 00	1 90	2 00	2 00			
	Hephzibah,	W. A. Cumbia.	3			2	7			55	2 00	4 20	5 00	1 80	5 00		
	Lebanon,	John L. Youngblood.	1	3		1	2		1	22	1 25	3 10		2 00			
	New Harmony,	W. C. T. Moseley.								31	1 00	2 00					
	Bethel (New).	William Pritchett.		1						26	1 50						
4th.	Olivet,	J. L. Youngblood.		5				1		31	1 00	3 25	2 50		2 50		
	Orion, Granted Letters,	M. M. Wamboldt.	17			1	6			69	1 50						
	Mt. Moriah,	Wm. Pritchett.	1							19	1 00	6 30					
	Harmony,	J. M. Green.					1			42	1 50		4 60				
	Siloam,	B. M. Bean.	14	7			4			86	2 00	13 25			4 00		
	Friendship,	J. W. Quinn.	1		1		3	1		77	1 50	1 75			4 25		
	Sharon,	Not Represented.													6 05		
	Helicon,	Not Represented															
	Mt. Pleasant.	Not Represented.															
			139	85	5	13	93	28	15	1,667	45 10	209 40	29 90	15 00	40 85	7 00	5 85